News from Representative Henry Waxman



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Dear Friend,

I wanted to take a moment to share some of the things I've been working on over the last couple of weeks.

The 2014 Congressional Artistic Discovery Contest



2014 Congressional Art Competition

It is my pleasure to invite all interested high school students in the 33rd Congressional District to participate in this year's Congressional Art Competition. Each spring, a nation-wide high school arts competition is sponsored by the Members of the U.S. House of Representatives. The Artistic Discovery Contest is an opportunity to recognize and encourage the artistic talent in the nation, as well as in our congressional district. The winner of our district's competition will be displayed for one year in the U.S. Capitol beside the other winning artwork. In addition, two complimentary round-trip airline tickets will be provided to the winner in order to attend the awards ceremony in Washington, D.C.

Each year I am impressed and inspired by the incredible level of talent on display and I am looking forward to seeing this years submissions. All submitted artwork will be on display at the Manhattan Beach Cultural Arts Center from April 14th – April 21st and a reception will be held on Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> to announce the winners.

The deadline for submissions is Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. For more information and to access the required Student Information and Release Form please visit my website here: <a href="http://l.usa.gov/lcCJ4Uo">http://l.usa.gov/lcCJ4Uo</a>



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## **New Nutrition Facts Label**

On February 27, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) proposed changes to the Nutrition Facts label found on many U.S. food packages. The proposed new nutrition label more prominently displays the calorie content of the food, updates serving sizes to reflect today's eating patterns, excludes processed less-healthful fibers from the fiber listing, and perhaps most important of all, requires that added sugars be listed separately.

As the author of the law that created the original nutrition label back in 1990, I applaud the FDA's proposal to bring the nutrition label in line with how food is marketed and consumed today, and with current dietary recommendations. The proposed changes should give Americans better information to protect their health, and help combat our national obesity epidemic.

You can read my full statement on the FDA's proposed new label <u>here</u>. Find out more on the FDA's website <u>here</u>.



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## Addressing the California Drought Crisis

2013 closed as the driest year on record for many Californian communities, and this winter threatens to become the third consecutive year of drought conditions. The droughts not only threaten California's drinking water supplies, agricultural production, and endangered aquatic

species, but also increase the risk of catastrophic wild fires and economic instability.

It's the responsibility of Congress to understand the connection between climate change and drought in California and the Western United States. In February I joined with 36 members of the Californian Congressional Delegation to urge House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Fred Upton to hold hearings on the connection between climate change and the severe droughts in the West. Current conditions in California and across the Western United States are in line with scientific predictions that climate change would increase the intensity and duration of droughts.

You can read the full letter here.

## **Combating Economic Inequality**

At the end of last month, I joined with over 190 House Democrats to sign a petition that would force a vote on the Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2013 (H.R. 1010), a bill that would raise the minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$10.10 per hour over three years. As an original cosponsor of this legislation, I believe raising the minimum wage is a critical part of our effort to build an economy that works for everyone.

Raising the minimum wage to \$10.10 would increase the pay of at least 25 million men and women across the country, generating some \$22 billion in increased economic activity and lifting more than one million Americans out of poverty. A higher minimum wage would benefit our economy, our workers, and our long-term growth.

<u>Click here</u> to watch a video my Democratic colleagues put together calling on the Republican leadership to act on minimum wage legislation.



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Thank you,

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